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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PFOR

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF JEWISH
RELIGION

1. RECENT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS, SUBMITTED BY U.S. FIRMS
WHICH HAVE RECEIVED BOYCOTT REQUESTS, HAS PRODUCED SINGLE
REPORT (APRIL/MAY 1975) IN WHICH U.S. FIRM HAS BEEN ASKED
BY KUWAITI PARTY TO DECLARE NON-JEWISHNESS OF COMPANY
OFFICIALS OR OWNERS. NEGATIVE DECLARATION RE JEWISH
OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF U.S. FIRM WAS SOUGHT BY KUWAIT
FIRM T.M.P. AGENTS (M.E.), P.O. BOX SAFAT 4628, FORD AGENTS
BUILDING, AHMAD AL JABER ST., KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH
COMPLETION OF FORM TO AUTHORIZE AGENCY. REQUEST INVOLVED
USE OF SAUDI FORM. NAME OF U.S. FIRM WHICH FILED THIS
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REPORT AS REQUIRED BY EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969 IS

NOT IDENTIFIABLE BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS
UNDER PROVISIONS OF THAT ACT.

2. SINCE WE KNOW OF NO OTHER SIMILAR REQUEST FROM KUWAIT
AND ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT KUWAIT MAIN-
TAINS POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF RELIGION
IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, WE ASSUME THAT ABOVE REPORT
REFLECTS ACTION OF PRIVATE PARTY AND NOT A RESPONSE TO
GOK REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY REPRESENTATION. ACCORDINGLY,
EMBASSY REQUESTED APPROACH ABOVE-NAMED KUWAITI FIRM TO
SEEK END TO REQUESTS TO U.S. FIRMS FOR DISCRIMINATORY
DECLARATIONS OF RELIGION.

3. FYI SIMILAR APPROACH TO SAUDI ADVOCATE WHO APPEARS
TO HANDLE MOST AGENCY WORK RELATED TO PATENTS/TRADE
MARKS IN SAUDI ARABIA HAS RESULTED IN ASSURANCES THAT
SUCH FORMS CONTAINING LANGUAGE DISCRIMINATING ON BASIS
OF RELIGION ARE "OUTDATED AND OBSOLETE... NO LONGER USED
FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES" END FYI.

4. EARLY EMBASSY REPORTING REQUESTED ON KUWAITI FIRM'S
RESPONSE TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS. ROBINSON

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